

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-6 are currently pending. Claim 1 is independent. Claim 1 is hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed, and specifically at page 38-42 and Fig. 19. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,332,024 to Inoue.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“A portable telephone comprising:

a display screen adapted to display objects both within a current display range as well as displaying objects outside said current display range using a pointer indicative of a direction toward

predetermined information which is present outside said current display range, whereby the display screen displays objects outside said current display range;

....

a display unit for displaying elements both within and outside said current display range, the elements including a block indicative of said first operating portion, said predetermined information and said pointer.” (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicant, U.S. Patent No. 6,332,024 to Inoue et al. relates to a portable terminal that comprises an LCD display screen located on a control surface of a case for displaying information according to the communication mode; a main soft key located below the LCD display screen which can be rotated in a direction towards or away from the display screen as well as can be pressed; and a first auxiliary soft key and a second auxiliary soft key located on the two sides of the main soft key which can be pressed. In this portable terminal, for each communication mode, a function having the highest frequency of use is allocated to the main soft key mode and functions having the next highest frequency of use are allocated to the first auxiliary soft key and second auxiliary soft key.

Applicant submits that Inoue does not teach or suggest, a display screen adapted to display objects both within a current display range as well as displaying objects outside said current display range using a pointer indicative of a direction toward predetermined information which is present outside said current display range, whereby the display screen displays objects outside said current display range; as well as a display unit for displaying elements both within and outside said current display range, the elements including a block indicative of said first operating portion, said predetermined information and said pointer, all as recited in claim 1. Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from the independent claim, discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION


In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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